

# Honolulu Star-Bulletin

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What'er thou lovest, man,  
That thou become thou must;  
God, if thou lovest God.  
Dust, if thou lovest dust.  
—From the German.

## WAR AND SUGAR

Associated Press dispatches this morning say that administration leaders are considering the imposition of war taxes to offset the loss in revenue due to the European war and the suspension of foreign trade.

Will the administration still stand by its policy of free-trade in raw sugar and the inevitable and irreparable damage to the domestic sugar industry?

Will the administration carry into effect the free-sugar clause in the Wilson-Underwood tariff bill and give up between fifty and sixty millions of legitimate revenue?

Will the administration forego sixty millions from a protective tariff on sugar and prefer to put war taxes on tobacco and beer?

That is one phase of the situation. Here is another:

This European war has in its few brief days already shown conclusively that the people of the United States are dependent upon the domestic sugar growers for their supply of sugar.

Raw and refined sugar alike have jumped to record prices in a little more than a week. All the hundreds of thousands of tons of foreign sugar avail the people of the United States nothing at this time. America must depend upon her own supply of cane and beet sugar.

If America must depend upon her own supply, how incredibly shortighted it is to remove the protective tariff wall and allow the domestic industry to be smashed by the unfair competition of cheap-labor sugar from Europe, Java and the other foreign countries!

In time of peace the domestic industry will be ruined by this competition. And then, when war comes to ravage the fields, close down the factories and hold in their ports the ships of the European producers, the United States will have no domestic-grown supply to rely upon. Under those circumstances, sugar would go to such heights as would make the present six-cent price for raws seem cheap.

## A CLUBHOUSE FOR ENLISTED MEN

Why not Waikiki Inn as a beach clubhouse for the enlisted men of Oahu's army posts and future naval station?

Not the Waikiki Inn of present unsavory fame, the subject of repeated license commission investigation, grand jury probe, almost incessant surveillance, but a Waikiki Inn—certainly under some other name—converted into a soldiers' clubhouse and made the common gathering place of military and civilian.

This suggestion of course carries with it the hope and belief that the people of Honolulu are willing to do something more than talk about what should be done for the soldier.

Honolulu needs more public bathing and recreation space along the beach anyway. It will cost a good deal of money to secure the Waikiki Inn premises, but it would be worth while.

As Waikiki Inn stands now it is a reproach to law and order in Honolulu and its recent shift in management will not go far to satisfy the demand that the place be cleaned up.

If it could be secured and converted into a clubhouse where the enlisted man and civilian might meet on terms of free and friendly intercourse, the problem might be largely solved.

While this is being considered, something tangible should be done to secure for the enlisted man the privilege of wearing "cits." Because this privilege has been turned down once or twice in Washington is no reason why it should be accepted as final.

## THE ONLY WAY TO GET THE MONEY

Chinatown, Palama, Kakaako and other congested areas of the city are without adequate fire protection, in the opinion of a committee of the Chamber of Commerce, and the committee recommends the installation of a high-pressure water system for the downtown areas.

This is all right but it does not go far enough. There are other unprotected areas. A few evenings ago fire broke out at Waikiki Inn, destroying a hotel cottage and a portion of the Outrigger club buildings. Fire engines and other apparatus had to be sent several miles and naturally were slow getting to the scene. Waikiki needs a fire station of its own or else Makiki, Kaimuki and Central stations should be supplied with more motor apparatus.

All of this costs money. A fire department equipped adequately for Honolulu's present needs would mean a heavy additional outlay now and considerable for maintenance.

Where is the money to come from? The supervisors are unable to discover an untapped source of revenue.

This need, like the need for a city hospital, for a public burying-ground, for children's play-

grounds—for a dozen other things the municipality should have—cannot be filled so long as the city is content to pay for public street improvements out of its general fund.

Not until these improvements are charged up where they belong—to the property directly benefited—is the general fund going to be kept well enough filled to take care of these general needs.

Members of the Chamber of Commerce, realizing the necessity of the city carrying out its full functions, may very properly support in the primaries and at the November election those candidates for municipal office who pledge themselves to carry out the local improvement laws passed by the last legislature.

## THE TERMS OF AUSTRIA'S ULTIMATUM

The terms of the Austrian ultimatum which Serbia refused—the immediate cause of war—are as follows:

Formal assurance from the Servian government that it condemns the propaganda which resulted in the assassination of Archduke Francis Ferdinand at Sarajevo.

An official apology that Servian officers took part in the machinations against the dual monarchy and a repudiation of their actions.

A promise that Serbia will endeavor to suppress subversive publications and dissolve immediately the Pan-Servian Society, "Narodna Odbrava," and all other similar organizations.

Warning to the Servian population that anti-Austrian plots will be rigorously punished.

Removal of all Servian officials guilty of an anti-Austrian propaganda.

Prompt punishment for those officials who assisted the Sarajevo assassins across the border.

The specific arrest of Major Tankavitch and a Servian state employe named Ziganovitch, compromised by the Sarajevo inquiry.

Stopping of the illicit traffic in explosives across the frontier.

Prompt notification to Austria that Serbia has fulfilled all these demands.

Of course this ultimatum was not the real cause of war. There are many causes. One of the most powerful is Russia's intention to gain territory to the south and a port on the Adriatic or the Mediterranean. Another is the growing race hatred between Slav and Teuton. Another is Germany's fast-strengthening grip on much world-commerce, of which other nations are jealous. But the ultimatum quoted above serves as well as anything as a reason for putting a million or two men in the field.

## PRESIDENT WILSON'S POSITION

As further proof that President Wilson has no intention of getting the United States embroiled with Japan, the following excerpt from a statement he made on August 3 is of interest:

"The situation in Europe is perhaps the gravest in its possibilities that has arisen in modern times, but it need not affect the United States unfavorably in the long run. Not that the United States has anything to take advantage of, but her own position is sound and she owes it to mankind to remain in such a condition, and in such a state of mind that she can help the rest of the world."

"I know from my conferences with the secretary of the treasury, who is in very close touch with the financial situation throughout the country, that there is no cause for alarm."

"There is cause for getting busy and doing the thing in the right way, but there is no element of unsoundness, and business men of the country are cooperating with the government with intelligence and a spirit which makes the outcome secure."

The Nippu Jipi having received from its own correspondent a repudiation of his foolish cablegram of last Saturday, it is to be hoped that Editor Soga will allow the publication of no more such jingoistic and baseless articles.

That Lahaina wharf need not be a bone of contention if the wishes of the people of Maui are taken as final. They want the wharf and want it now.

Enough news gets past the eagle-eyed censors to indicate that those indomitable Germans are not going to be stopped as easily as some folks imagine.

Dr. David Starr Jordan, the world's champion speechmaker for peace, is lost somewhere in the European war-zone.

Hoot mon—why don't the soldiers pool that \$100,000 they want to spend on "cit" clothes and buy sugar stocks?

The pen may be mightier than the sword but it has to take a back seat for the censor.

The war map would look more natural if it were a moving-picture.

Sugar is the most successful of all the aviators.

## Letters OF THE DAY

(The Star-Bulletin invites free and frank discussion in this column on all legitimate subjects of current interest. Communications are constantly received to which no signature is attached. This paper will treat as confidential signatures to letters if the writers so desire, but cannot give space for anonymous communications.)

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

Dear Sir: It is a healthy sign when men of affairs and men of standing offer themselves to become supervisors, and it is to be hoped that their offers will be given the consideration that they deserve.

For very few people seem to have a proper conception of the vast importance of these positions, or the amount of money that can be squandered by these men, unless they fully understand their duties as well as up-to-date business methods.

It will be a surprise to many people to learn that there is no corporation in this town that is so important as this county office, nor do the managers of them have the handling of so much money nor do they have as much responsibility; and yet, strange to say, it has been thought that almost anyone, whether experienced or not, could fill these positions with credit. That this has not been done is well known, and the streets alone will prove this, notwithstanding the vast amount of money that has been spent upon them many of the streets are still in a frightful condition.

Take Kalakaua avenue, for instance, one side of which is probably in a worse condition than any road that could be found elsewhere, and is a standing disgrace to this city. There are others—Heaetania, for instance, that is but a little better.

But roads are not the only things or places where money has been wasted, nor is it the only way in which a lack of judgment has been shown.

And I would like to ask where we are to find if this thing is to go on? Already this city is to be saddled with another loan, which will still further steep the town deeper in debt, and which will call for higher taxes.

In fact, it begins to look that if something is not done to stop this waste of money the taxes will soon be so high as to prohibit people from coming to settle here, and will even drive many away that are already here.

There has been much said about men taking these positions without salary; but to me this does not seem to be a very important matter. The question is the man, what he stands for, and what he will do in behalf of good, substantial work, and good, economical up-to-date business methods. Also, what has been his record and success in his own business and in his other undertakings?

In fact, it seems about time to make a new departure and to try a new class of men and see what can be done by them.

Give them a trial.

Yours truly,

X. Y. Z.

## STORY OF TRIP OF GERMAN LINER AS RELATED BY ONE OF PASSENGERS

By SEWELL HAGGARD

ON BOARD THE KRONPRINZESSIN CECILIE, BAR HARBOR, ME. The Kronprinzessin Cecile with 1,454 passengers and a cargo of \$11,500,000 in gold and silver, sailed out of New York harbor at 10 o'clock on the morning of July 28. Her first port of call was to be Plymouth and then Cherbourg and then Bremen.

The war scare was on, and, naturally, as the majority of her cabin passengers were German and English, there was some speculation as to what would happen to the ship should war be declared while she was on the high seas. Persons familiar with Spanish-American war precedents recalled that ships leaving port after that war was declared, were in each instance of seizure released by prize courts.

So speculation died down and the voyage became the usual uneventful trip across the Atlantic. There was a dance each night; English, French and German passengers were entertained.

It was on the fourth day, while a dance was in progress on deck and the usual assembly was in the smoking room, that a few minutes past ten some of the passengers were startled by signs that the ship was being turned around.

News told by Captain.

At 10:30 Captain Polack entered the smoking room. "Gentlemen," said he, "I want your attention. I have an announcement to make. War has broken out between England, France, Russia and Germany, and we are going back to America. We have plenty of coal, and I think we will get back safely. I want the gentlemen to help me in allaying the fears of the women."

No one uttered a sound for what seemed to be a very long time. I was seated at the table with an Englishman, a Bavarian and a Greek. The Bavarian, a kindly faced gentleman of perhaps 50, was the first to break the silence. He arose, we all arose, he grasped each by the hand, the Englishman last, and as he grasped the Englishman's hand he said; very intensely, "I am sorry, very sorry."

Afterwards I learned that he was Major General Kristof Kieffer, retired, of the German army. The Englishman makes his living selling war materials.

Captain's Orders Were Brief.

The Captain had received his orders by wireless at 10 o'clock. They were brief, no waste of words. "Turn back and make for an American port with all speed."

The decision as to a port was to await developments.

That the situation might become serious now slowly began to dawn on the passengers. Did ever a greater prize sail the seas in time of war than the Kronprinzessin Cecile, with her \$11,500,000 of gold and silver, consigned to France and England? Were there any British and French warships near? Was it usual for British and French warships to sail up and down the American coast? If so what were the chances of slipping by? And so it went.

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the Americans held the same opinion and the protest was dropped. Some of the passengers, however, did take the matter up with the captain. His answer was that the passengers were his first consideration, that he would give up the ship rather than sacrifice them. But there was little or no danger, he declared. They were too far to the north, too far out of the course of shipping for a collision.

Speculation on Port.

Monday night came and with it more fog. By this time the passengers were speculating as to what port we were being headed for. The same question was being debated on the bridge. The wireless was telling the captain that vessels down around New York and Boston were trying to creep along the coast within the five mile limit in order to be safe from seizure.

This indicated to him that it would be unwise to attempt to make New York or Boston. He did not dare ask for specific information. He had to make up his mind on such fragments of information as he could grab from the air. Portland first came to his mind, but then he favored a less known port. He had heard of Bar Harbor, of course, but he was not certain of the water thereabouts. And here enters C. Ledyard Blair of Blair Bros., bankers, New York. Mr. Blair's father, D. C. Blair, has a summer home at Bar Harbor and the sons had sailed their yacht, the Eagle, in these waters so often that he knows his way around there as well as he does in Wall street. Figuratively speaking, Mr. Ledyard took the helm and Captain Polack was mighty glad to have him do it. We were headed for Bar Harbor.

but the information was confined to the bridge.

## WILLIAM WILLIAMSON FOR REPRESENTATIVE

William Williamson, former representative and member of the Hawaii Probe Commission, has filed his announcement as candidate to the house of representatives from the Fourth district, Oahu, on the Republican ticket.

According to the announcement made yesterday by Mr. Williamson he will work for the passage of a number of recommendations to be made by the probe commission relative to necessary legislation for the counties accounting system.

## PRESENT FEDERAL JOB STOPS LINDSAY FROM TAKING NEW POSITION

Action was deferred in the federal court by Judge Sanford B. Dole this morning in the matter of the appointment of Alexander Lindsay, Jr., as referee in bankruptcy, to fill the position left vacant by the resignation of George S. Curry, the new United States commissioner and commissioner of extradition.

According to the statutes, it is laid down that, regarding qualifications for the office, a person to become a referee in bankruptcy must not hold any other office embracing governmental duties. Mr. Lindsay now is special assistant to the attorney-general.

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